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PRESIDENT: Senator Proud is asking unanimous consent to vote by machine for the advancement of 259 from Select File. Is there objections to that motion?

SENATOR PROUD: And a record vote, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Hearing none, so ordered then. Is there any further discussion now of 259 and it is on Select File. Is there further discussion of that bill at this time? Now I have 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, people that want to talk all at once here and I have three standing up. I'll have to pick some sort of an order because I can't watch the board and watch the floor, too. Let's try it this way. Chair recognizes Senator Warner, then Kelly, then Goodrich.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, first Mr. President, I'd like to ask whoever it is that's the engineer of this, is the intent now that we are to pass this bill I assume Thursday and then adjourn sine die? Is that--somebody that's a proponent perhaps can answer.

PRESIDENT: I don't think the chair can answer that question.

SENATOR WARNER: No, sir, I appreciate that.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I admit to being the self-propelled engineer and brother, I'm an engineer at times. What the Senator says is true. If you want to stay here another hour or so today we can pass the bill on Wednesday and adjourn sine die. I've been--I understand that the gentleman who has control of this says if you'll give him two hours, he'll get the bill on Final Reading so we can lay it over tomorrow and read it on Wednesday. Now we've got the other two bills, 258 and whatever the other number would be on the same position at the same time and I assume all the responsibility one can individually for this procedure and for the making the motion in the beginning because I believe this thing ought to be determined once and for all. I don't think anybody's been treated discourteously. I think we've had ample time to debate and I don't think it would do any particular great amount of service in order to discuss this thing the rest of the day. We're not going to accomplish anything. We're going on the theory that if the Governor appeared before the Budget Committee himself or otherwise, he indicated to them and he's indicated to me he can live with this budget. He came here this morning and said he could cut the sales tax and the income tax down. I want to see him do it. We said he can't have any appropriations without authorization of this body. This is his idea, I want to be accomodating and give him all the authority he wants and see if he can do it. I hope that he can.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President, the only thought occurs to me is if the majority of the body can get 33 votes and I assume it needs the emergency clause to pass the Governor's bill, that's fine and well. It seems to me we have a responsibility to make sure that it can function as an appropriation bill and unless my information is totally in error, at least community technical colleges are left in a very awkward position if not a position of not being able to operate at all because we have not passed legislation which sets up the district in concurrent with the language in 259, 7 districts I believe. The eastern as I understand it is not funded at all and it seems to me that whatever is done, unless you just want to wipe out any appropriation whatsoever to them, that we've got to have 533 in some kind of form that will be in concurrence with the appropriation act. And I suspect just in sheer time, the bills out on General File but it takes a different amendment to be drafted to fit the appro-